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FRESH JAPANESE TROOP MOVEMENTS OUTSIDE SHANHAIKUAN

INTERNATIONAL GOLD STANDARD

BRITAIN PREPARED TO CO-OPERATE

WORLD ECONOMIC CONFERENCE AGENDA DISCUSSED

GENEVA, To-day.

BRITAIN IS READY TO CO-OPERATE TOWARDS AN INTERNATIONAL GOLD STANDARD, DECLARED SIR FREDERICK LEITH ROSS, AT A MEETING OF EXPERTS WHO ARE PREPARING THE AGENDA FOR THE WORLD ECONOMIC CONFERENCE.

"Exchange controls must be abolished and inflation of currency or prices must be prevented," he said. Tariffs must be lowered and War Debts and Reparations must be cleared away before the World Economic Conference can usefully meet.

"Governments must also consider the desirability of giving the Central Banks wider powers," he concluded. — Reuter.

London, To-day.

The Preparatory Committee of experts for the Economic and Monetary Conference met yesterday at Geneva, to begin drafting the agenda for the Conference. The date of the World Conference, which will be held in London, is not yet fixed, but present indications suggest that it will meet next April.



Mr. Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, and a keen supporter of the gold standard.

In opening the proceedings of the Preparatory Committee, Monsieur Trip, who presided, appealed for a wide measure of conciliation in view of the grave economic and financial situation of the world.

Sir Frederick Leith Ross, representing Britain, yesterday afternoon, outlined the attitude of the British Government in regard to the return to the gold standard. He said that for the time being, the British Government could not take any definite decision concerning the stabilisation of the pound sterling. In his Government's opinion, econ-

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BRITISH THRIFT IN SAVINGS.

£7,000,000 Increase On Year.

London, To-day. Returns show that a steady progress continues with the three State-controlled thrift institutions, and on March 31 last, the total due to small investors through these institutions was £1,163,458,000.

This Colossal sum, which shows an increase of over £7,000,000 on 1930-31 figures, was made up as follows:

National Savings Certificates, £477,000,000. Trustee Savings Bank, £182,050,757. Post Office Savings Bank, £508,787,000—British Wireless Service.



New U. S. Ambassador?—Mr. Lawrence Lowell, former President of Harvard University, may replace Mr. Andrew Mellon, as American Ambassador to Britain when Mr. Roosevelt becomes President. Mr. Lowell's friendship with Mr. Roosevelt extends over a quarter of a century. Mr. Lowell who is 76, retired from the Presidency of Harvard last month.

War Debts Must Be Settled.

Economic Argument In London Press.

Commenting on the prospects of a World Economic Conference, the *Times* says, "It is due to meet in April. It can hardly be postponed much longer if it is to continue to be taken seriously. But it must meet with a prospect of substantial achievement, and there can be little hope of any substantial achievement unless the question of war debts is got out of the way before hand."

The next instalment of service of these debts falls due in June, and while the Conference is sitting with that shadow hanging over it, participating Governments would be seriously handicapped in dealing with questions on its agenda, many of which are incapable of solution so long as international exchanges are disorganized by attempts to prolong the system of huge inter-Governmental payments.

This system has partially broken down already, and cannot be restored. Nothing is more certain than that it will break down altogether unless some mutual arrangement on the lines of the Lausanne settlement is reached before June 15—by wiping out the whole entanglement and accepting final payment in full settlement.

No moratorium or scaling down of payments would be of real service.

Failure to reach such a settlement would not only prevent the ratification of the Lausanne Agreement but would also revive difficulties and controversies which it was hoped had been finally closed. It would also make it hopeless to expect any substantial results from the World Economic and Monetary Conference. Further the consequent general inevitable and involuntary default would shake credit all over world."

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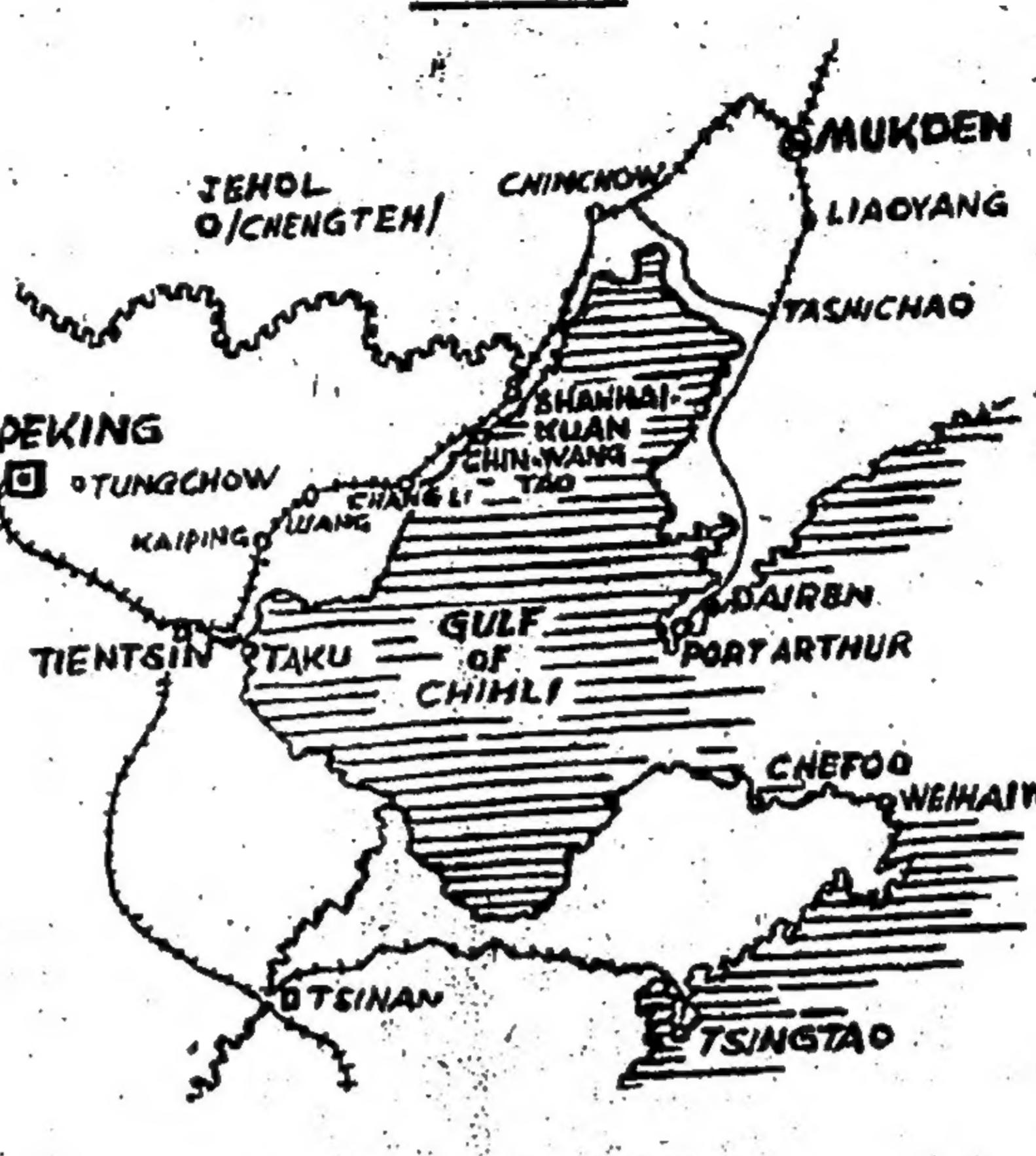
NEW SUBMARINE FOR HONG KONG.

H.M.S. Rainbow Replaces H.M.S. Poseidon.

London, To-day. The new submarine, H.M. Rainbow, which is to replace H.M. Poseidon which was sunk off Wei-hai-wei in June, 1931, left Portsmouth for Hong Kong yesterday.

She is expected to reach Hong Kong on March 15.—Reuter.

The Rainbow, which is of 1,475 tons, was commissioned at Chatham in October, 1931, and carries one four-inch gun. She is under the command of Lieut.-Comdr. T. Yeoman, R.N.



Area of the Fighting.

SPANISH REVOLT SPREADS

13 Dead In Pedralba Riot.

FURTHER OUTBREAK IN BARCELONA.

Barcelona, To-day.

The riots which broke out in the Barcelona district on Sunday night between Anarchist and Syndicalist terrorists and the military and police authorities, are assuming more serious proportions.

The terrorists resumed activities yesterday evening, when they attacked the Law Courts and fired on the Police Headquarters. Several casualties are reported from Barcelona and the neighbouring towns, but the situation is under control at Madrid.

It was officially announced yesterday that ten rebels and three soldiers were killed in revolutionary disturbances at Pedralba, Valencia Province, where a general strike will be proclaimed tomorrow.

The revolt has been brewing for months, and is the outcome of the agitation of labour extremists dissatisfied with their share in the new Republican Government of Spain.—Reuter.

British Troops To Alwar

India Riots Call For Action.

A special train, conveying British troops under instructions to help in the operations against the insurgents, at Meos is en route to the city.

A serious clash occurred between State troops and Meo rebels, yesterday, at Govindgarh, a small town in the native State of Alwar, Rajputana, India. The rebels looted shops and smashed idols in the temples, tying the Mahatma upside down to a tree.

A mob of 8,000 attempted to destroy the Government buildings, but were repelled by fire. Agitators from outside the district are stated to be responsible for the uprising.

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FAITH IN FINANCIER.

Washington, To-day. A Bill authorising the United States treasury to buy £225,000,000 worth of silver bullion by the issue of silver certificates has been introduced by Senator Dill, of Washington.

The certificates will be legal tender for all debts.

The silver will be purchased at the market price up to a maximum price of \$1.25 per ounce.—Reuter.

NEW FIVE YEAR PLAN IN RUSSIA

Programme To Be Less Ambitious.

MORE ARMS NEEDED.

Moscow, To-day. The second Five Year Plan is less ambitious than the first according to the aims outlined by Mr. Stalin in a speech before the Communist Party.

For example, the annual increase in industrial output is to be 13 per cent, as compared with 22 per cent in the previous Plan.

Mr. Stalin claimed the fulfilment of the first Plan, and declared that some of the industries will be slowed down to facilitate the manufacture of arms, as some of Russia's neighbours have not signed the non-aggression pacts with Russia.—Reuter.

MR. LLOYD-GEORGE ILL.

London, To-day. Mr. David Lloyd George, who is in Liverpool where he was to have fulfilled a platform engagement yesterday, is confined to bed with a chill.—British Wireless Service.

A programme of Chinese music, boxing and plays will be given by the Ching Wu Athletic Association will be presented to-night at the Tung Ping Theatre, West Point.

EXPECTED TO OCCUPY CHIUKENKOW PASS

CHANG'S FOUR BRIGADES TO BE CUT OFF

JAPANESE CAVALRY FROM CHINCHOW JOIN INFANTRY FORCE

TOKYO, To-day.

ACCORDING TO PRESS DESPATCHES, THE JAPANESE FORCES ARE EXPECTED TO OCCUPY CHIUKENKOW PASS TO PREVENT AN ENCIRCLING MOVEMENT BY MARSHAL CHANG HSUEH-LIANG'S FORCES AND TO CUT OFF FOUR BRIGADES OF THE "YOUNG MARSHAL'S" TROOPS, WHICH, STATIONED IN EASTERN JEHOLO, ARE CONSTITUTING A MENACE TO THE JAPANESE LINE OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN CHINCHOW AND SHANHAIKUAN.

The Pass, through which Marshal Chang's troops are said to have passed when they entered Jehol, is a few miles north of Shanhaikuan. The Japanese move would reduce the offensive powers of Chang's forces.

A Japanese cavalry regiment from Chinchow is reported to have joined up with an infantry detachment from Shanhaikuan near the city yesterday, and it is also reported that these combined forces have begun to advance in the direction of Chiukenkow, where one of Marshal Chang's regiments is reported to be entrenched in the Pass.—Reuter.

Following a joint conference between the War Office and the Foreign Office at Tokyo, instructions have been cable to the commander of the Japanese garrison in North China to negotiate for a settlement of the Shanhaikuan affair and demand the withdrawal of the Chinese troops to outside the two-mile limit of the railway, in accordance with the Boxer Protocol, for the purpose of maintaining peace and order in Shanhaikuan.

Chinese observers emphasise that since there exists no basis for conciliation between China and Japan, the League should immediately proceed under Paragraph Four, Article XV, of the League Covenant.

Anti-Japanese Move In Berlin.

Berlin, To-day. The Socialist Democratic Party of the Reichstag have submitted to the Government an interpellation regarding the Far Eastern conflict.

It asks whether the Government is prepared, firstly, to adopt the attitude that Japan has committed a breach of the League and the Kellogg Pact.

Secondly, is the Government prepared to advocate at Geneva that the League should demand the

China To Oppose Jap. Aggression.

Mr. Wang Ching-Wei's German Interview.

Berlin, To-day. General Tin-Ge, the Manchukuo war lord, who arrived in London to represent Mr. Henry Pu-Yi, the Regent of Manchuria, told the *Daily Mail* that he has undertaken the mission of goodwill to Europe "to give Europeans a clear idea about Manchukuo."—Reuter.

immediate and unconditional recognition and execution of the Lytton Report, in default of which, all signatories of the above facts will be immediately obliged to sever diplomatic and business relations with Japan?

Thirdly, is the Government prepared to instruct its representatives on the Committee of Nineteen to demand the immediate convocation of an extraordinary Assembly of the League?—Reuter.

At the same time, whenever Japan adopted warlike methods, China would unitedly oppose her to the utmost, but an open war fought to the bitter end would be a one-sided affair. China, he felt, was not strong enough to declare war, but would devote her energies to opposing the Japanese aggression.

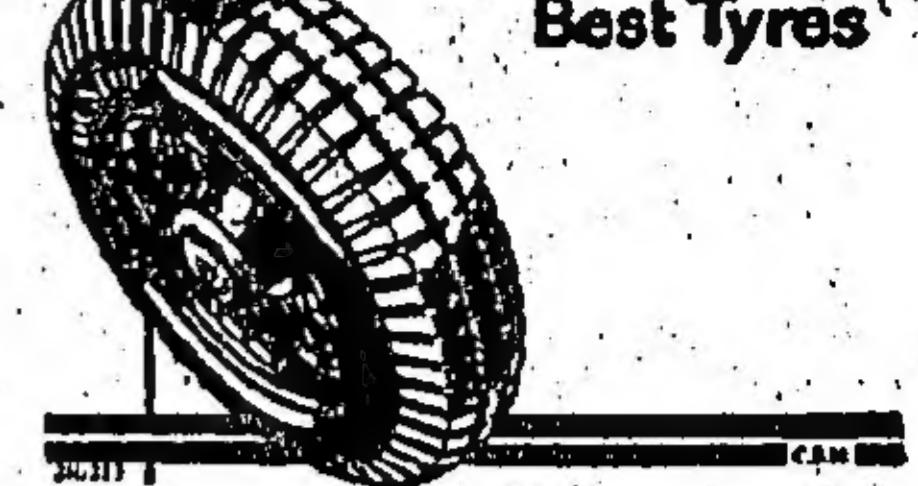
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DECORATIVE COLOUR SCHEMES.

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Novel Ways Of Using Green.

The green, black, and silver room is so fashionable just now that it is rapidly becoming a cliché. There are, however, novel ways of using green, which give a pleasant little sense of surprise to the beholder. Ochre walls are pleasing in tone for east or north rooms and some people like the ochre ceiling, too, though this mops up the light to too great an extent. With ochre walls, brightest apple-green curtains go charmingly. Apple-green is a fairly light green with the least touch of yellow in it, but it is very bright indeed, and the brighter the better. An apple-green cushion or two is not out of place, especially if the chaircovers are in natural tint. A deep red Persian rug completes the whole very satisfactorily. Another tone for curtains is a darkish cornflower blue. Cornflowers on their side, usually, have a good deal of depth. Some people choose a cornflower blue and band it flatly with the purple. The helmet may be treated in the same way. Thus a much greater volume of colour is obtained. Delphinium blue should look well—and does often, but not always—with dead white walls. Hay-colour is the best for the upholstery, and it shows up the blue to great advantage. Purple cushion (the purple must be tested and is usually best on the reddish side) go well with the whole. The difficulty is, of course, to find the exact shade in the exact material. Sometimes this is best done by means of composite colouring, but plain white material in wool or cotton can also be dyed in the required shade, and it is often worth the extra expense.

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GREY FAVOURITE PARIS COLOUR.

Chiffon For Important Occasions.

Grey is the Parisienne's favourite colour now! She wears plain frocks and suits in a lovely silvery shade, in grey-pink tint that is paler than a dove's breast, and in a chalk tone that is nearly white. Blue-greys are not favoured. When a tailor-made suit is worn, it is usually of thin, grey woolen material, softer than suiting, thinner than flannel. Simple tailored dresses are made of the same material, or heavy crepe silk, or silk crepon, the last being very new and attractive.

Grey chiffon is, of course, very "best looking," and is chosen for the most important evening occasions. Then there are frocks of grey chiffon delicately patterned in blurred pinks, yellows and browns. Grey is a good colour, too, for travelling clothes, since it looks neat and does not show the dust. This particular "grey," however, is mostly expressed in flecked materials, and there are some attractive mixtures in tweed and wool for practical coats.

To clean a velour or felt hat, beat it with a cane, then brush it to remove all dust and to work up the surface. Hold it over a pan of boiling water, and steam it well from the inside, turning it slowly so that it is equally steamed all over. Shake thoroughly, leave to dry, brush lightly—and the hat will look equal to new.

A black straw or crinoline hat may be cleaned by rubbing with olive oil after it has been well brushed to remove dust.

To clean soiled ribbon, sponge with methylated spirits, and iron between two cloths.

Black lace should be steeped in cold, strong, sweetened tea, wrung out, and ironed between cloths while damp.

Wash white lace in borax water, and stiffen it by adding a little gum arabic to the rinsing water. If the lace is pure white, use a little blue in the rinsing water; if cream, add a dash of cold coffee. Iron on a thick blanket on the wrong side, pressing heavily.

Steel buckles may be cleaned with a paste of crocus powder and turpentine. Spread the paste over the metal, leave to dry, brush off, and polish with a leather.

Here are three ways of removing a glass stopper in a bottle. (1) Heat the part surrounding the stopper with hot water. (2) Put a little sweet oil by means of a feather to the part which is stuck and leave in a warm place. (3) Pour a little vinegar round the stopper and turn it sharply.

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Menu Suggestions For To-morrow

The Dinner Menu.

Ham Timbales Savoury Sauce

Escalloped Potatoes Bread Butter

Lettuce Salad Tapioca Cream Pudding

Coffee Ham Timbales (Use leftovers)

1½ cups cooked ham, chopped

1 cup soft bread crumbs

3 tablespoons chopped celery

1 tablespoon chopped onion

1 tablespoon chopped green pepper

1 tablespoon chopped parsley

¼ teaspoon salt

2 eggs

1 cup milk

2 tablespoons butter, melted

Mix ingredients, fill 2/3 full buttered timbale pans or custard cups.

Set in pan of hot water, bake 30 minutes in moderate oven. Unmold, surround with savoury sauce.

Savoury Sauce.

3 tablespoons bacon fat

4 tablespoons flour

2 cups milk

¼ teaspoon salt

¼ teaspoon paprika

1 egg, beaten

Melt fat, add flour. When blended add milk, cook until creamy sauce forms. Stir constantly. Add rest of ingredients. Mix, pour around timbales.

Tapioca Cream Pudding.

(Serve chilled)

1½ cup granulated tapioca

4 cups milk

2½ cup sugar

3 eggs

2 teaspoons vanilla

¼ teaspoon salt

Mix tapioca and milk. Cook in double boiler 20 minutes. Add sugar and eggs, cook 10 minutes, stir frequently. Add rest of ingredients. Cool and chill. Serve plain or with cream. This is an excellent dessert for children.

HANDBAGS AND GLOVES.

New Styles Strike Simple Note.

The military style gloves are smart and practical with the new tailored suits. Black or brown can be picked out with plenty of white, or the more extravagantly inclined can reverse the colours. For sport, wash-leather and fabric, cleverly and loosely fashioned and stitched, are very simple, and look best. Comfort is all important to the modern woman. The handbags prove the simpler trend, except for evening. They are most practical. Belts and handbags—the latter of roomy dimensions—are for the country often composed of a heavy canvas or horse-girth fabric, smartly strapped with leather, and silvered nails.

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The flavour of mint sauce is im-

proved if a little boiling water is

poured over the mint and sugar be-

fore the vinegar is added. In this

way the full essence of the mint is

drawn out.

HANDKERCHIEF MONOGRAMS.

Monogrammed handkerchiefs in fine linen are, nowadays, stitched with very small initials inside diamonds or ovals, which are both neat and in accord with to-day's tidy taste.

But handkerchiefs not monogrammed are often worked with small letters in black threads instead of marking them with Indian ink. On large handkerchiefs which were being packed into a school-girl's trunk I say block letters in black thread, and it occurred to me that the idea might well be adapted, and small scroll initials would look well on the hem of daintier sizes. The stitching has this advantage over Indian ink, it won't blur, and, of course, just straight-forward running stitches are the most effective.

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Aviation; Engineering and Building

FORGED BOILERS FOR POWER STATION.**Drums To Be Made In One Piece.**

The whole of the forged boiler drums for the six Stirling boilers to be installed in the new power station at Fulham are to be manufactured by Messrs. English Steel Corporation, Limited, at Vickers' Works, Sheffield. The largest of these drums will be approximately 40 ft. long by 5 ft. 3 in. outside diameter, and the exceptionally large ingot required, which weighs 175 tons, has recently been successfully cast at Vickers' Works.

The ingot will be annealed and carefully cooled, taken to a parting machine where the surplus material will be cut off from the top and bottom. A hole will then be punched through the centre and the piece reheated and hollow forged under a powerful hydraulic press.

At one stage during the forging the mass of steel will be expanded to 103 in. in diameter. The drums will be made in one piece, including the closed ends which are formed the tubular forgings by a special process.—Engineering.

WELSH COAL FOR EAST AFRICA.

Welsh collieries have made a present of 250 tons of locomotive coal to the Kenya and Uganda Railways and Harbours. This does not mean that they have turned philanthropists, but that they are endeavouring to secure a contract for 65,000 to 90,000 tons of coal, which is to be delivered c.i.f. at Kilindini, over the twelve months commencing February next.

Tenders, invite the tenderers to submit samples of not less than 25 tons, free of all cost, to the chief mechanical engineer, of coal which has not been tested or used in bulk by the Kenya and Uganda Railways since January, 1928. Ten Welsh colliery companies are competing for the business and have sent out the required sample in bags.—Engineering.

BRITISH AIR SERVICES.**Better Results Than Other Countries.**

London.

Sir Eric Geddes, chairman of Imperial Airways, left London on December 28, on a flying visit to stations on the London—Cape Town air route. He will visit Rome en route to discuss with the Italian authorities questions arising out of the operations of the international air service.

The Imperial Airways African route has been operated with great success, the traffic during the past three months increasing by approximately 6 per cent. The air mail is flying with a reliability of 99 per cent. in the northern section of the African route and 100 per cent. in the south.

Sir Eric Geddes said that the British tax-payers, in their assistance of civil aviation, were obtaining better results than those of any other country. British commercial flying was now approaching more nearly than the air transport of any other nation to the goal of an independent state of free operation.

PIG-IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTION.

The monthly memorandum of the

National Federation of Iron and

Steel Manufacturers, Caxton House,

Tot Hill Street, London, S.W.1, con-

tains the welcome news that there

were two more blast-furnaces in

operation at the end of September

than at the beginning. Even now,

however, the furnaces in blast in

this country total only 59. The pro-

duction of pig-iron in September

amounted to 260,400 tons, compared

with 259,400 tons in August, and

248,200 tons in September, 1931.

The September output of steel in-

gots and castings totalled 430,300

tons, against 361,500 tons in

August, when production was

affected by holidays, and 400,500

tons in September, 1931.—En-

gineering.

A Halt In Public Works**Plea For Building Revival****PROJECTS OF REAL NEED**

The Building Industry Conference, which represents all engaged in the industry—architects, surveyors, employers, operatives, manufacturers, and clerical workers—and of which Sir Raymond Unwin, president of the Royal Institute of British Architects, is chairman, has prepared a further statement in support of its policy for the revival of the industry.

It desires, as a first step, the immediate reconsideration by the Government of the building and constructional programmes which have been cancelled, or postponed, since September of last year with the object of enabling local authorities to proceed with all projects "considered by them remunerative or to minister to real needs."

In the opinion of the Building Industry Conference "the zeal for economy has far outrun discretion." The council appreciates the reason for discriminating between different classes of expenditure, but says that "not only has alleged 'luxury' building been eliminated; not only has a complete halt been called in expenditure on building not directly remunerative or works administering to future needs; but there has also been a drastic general curtailment of building and public works, which, if carried out, would have ministered to current or imminent real needs, or, while adding greatly to the country's permanent wealth, would ultimately have been remunerative and revenue-producing. In many cases work has been cur-

tailed even though it would have proved immediately remunerative.

"Disastrous Retrenchment"

"Since expenditure on building and public works is chiefly devoted to employment of man-power, and since the exaggerated curtailment of such works is a most potent cause of increasing unemployment (which in its turn involves enormous unproductive national expenditure and increases the heavy overhead costs already imposed upon productive industries generally), it is difficult to escape the conclusion that the policy of retrenchment in expenditure on building and constructional works has been carried to an extent which is economically unsound, and which may well prove to be financially and socially disastrous."

In the earlier memorandum it was pointed out that the employment of at least 2,000,000 workers was directly determined by the degree of activity in the building group of industries, which employ a larger number of male workers than any other single group of industries,

and that for every £1,000,000 worth of constructional work postponed £375,000 had to be paid in unemployment benefit and public assistance and £425,000 was withdrawn from the purchasing power which would otherwise be available for buying the products of other industries.

Development Programme.

The statement summarizes the correspondence on "Spending and Saving" which has appeared in *The Times* and refers to the memoran-

THE ARSENAL'S NEW GRAND STAND.**Magnificent Erection At Highbury.**

The new west stand at the stadium of the Arsenal Football Club at Highbury, London, N.5, has been completed and was officially opened by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on December 10. It is capable of accommodating some 22,000 spectators, 18,000 of whom stand under cover on a lower tier and 4,000 sit in tip-up chairs on an upper tier.

The main roof is covered with Vitreflex, grey enamelled sheets and measures 316 ft. by 61 ft. span, while the ridge ventilator, which is equipped with Vitreflex louvre blades, fixed to steel verticals, measures 289 ft. by 9 ft.

It is claimed that the Vitreflex sheeting possesses great durability and fastness of colour; the material is manufactured in Lancashire by Messrs. Vitreflex, Limited.

dum of the Federation of British Industries on "Public Expenditure" and to the resolution of the Conservative Party Conference calling for a vigorous programme of industrial and agricultural development. It proceeds:—

"The situation is fast arriving when industrial enterprises are apt to be avoided by those who would normally provide the capital for such enterprises, but who now transfer their money to Government securities at extremely low interest rates.

Such a situation is paradoxical because, in the ultimate analysis, the value of and the return from Government securities are dependent upon revenue production, which again is dependent upon the survival of industries which through lack of trade cannot employ new capital. It is evident that this situation can be improved only by the Government's active use of the confidence it enjoys, to the end that conditions may be created which will engender similar confidence in the future of industries generally."

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50-Hours Flight On Heavy Oil**British Engine Given Tests.****BY AIR MINISTRY.**

A heavy-oil engine, suitable in all respects for use in aeroplanes, has just passed a 50-hours' Air Ministry type test, and is being fitted into military aeroplane at Farnborough for flight tests. This is the first British engine of this kind in which weight, efficiency, and general dimensions have been such as to warrant its application to the aeroplane. Its power output is 500 h.p. and its weight is only 1,504 lb.

The importance of this achievement lies in the fact that a safer, simpler, and more economical type than the petrol engine will be made available to aviation at a comparatively small cost in engine development.

The compression-ignition engine uses a fuel which gives off no inflammable vapour until its temperature is raised to at least 100° deg. C. It has no electrical installation, no sparking plugs, and no carburettor. Its rate of fuel consumption is low, and with its simple system of fuel injection it should be less liable to failure due to interruption of the supply.

The price in engine weight demanded at the moment for these advantages, represents about 1 lb per horse-power. This is partly offset by a low rate of fuel consumption. The petrol engine for aeroplanes weighs roughly 2 lb per horse-power and consumes about .55 lb. of fuel per horse-power hour.

The corresponding figures for the new compression-ignition engine are about 3 lb and 4 lb. This means that on a long flight the combined weight of engine and fuel would be less with the heavy-oil engine than with the petrol engine. At present the advantage is not to be reaped in flights of less than seven hours duration.

Light-Weights.

The disparity in weight will probably not persist. Germany has produced an engine of this type

which weighs only 2.44 lb per horse-power. Further work is proceeding at the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough. The flight tests, now in prospect should show particularly whether the size of the radiator and the weight of water can be reduced. Another engine, of different detail characteristics, is also being built. The present engine is an adaptation of the Rolls-Royce Condor engine, which in its original form develops 650 h.p.

The conversion has been carried out at Farnborough with the assistance of the Rolls-Royce Company. The engine yields 480 h.p. at normal charge and 500 h.p. at full charge when turning at 1,900 revolutions a minute. Its maximum rate is 2,000 revolutions. This gives a high piston rate, for the stroke is one of 7½ in. The compression ratio is 12½ to one, and the maximum cylinder pressure 800 lb to the square inch. The engine consists of two banks of six cylinders set in the form of a letter V. It is 5 in. longer, and 3 in. higher than the Condor petrol engine, but is the same width and can easily be fitted into similar aeroplanes. It is to be flown first in the Hawker Horsley torpedo-bomber.

TELEPHONES IN AUSTRALIA.

A statement issued recently by Director of the Australian Postal Services shows that nearly 485,000 telephones are in operation in the Commonwealth. There are 5,061 telephone exchanges in Australia, the largest being the City North Exchange, at Sydney, with 7,757 subscribers.

This is closely followed by Melbourne Central Exchange, which has 7,699 subscribers. Brisbane Central Exchange serves 6,551 subscribers, Adelaide Main Exchange 5,102 and Perth Central Exchange 6,946.—Engineering.

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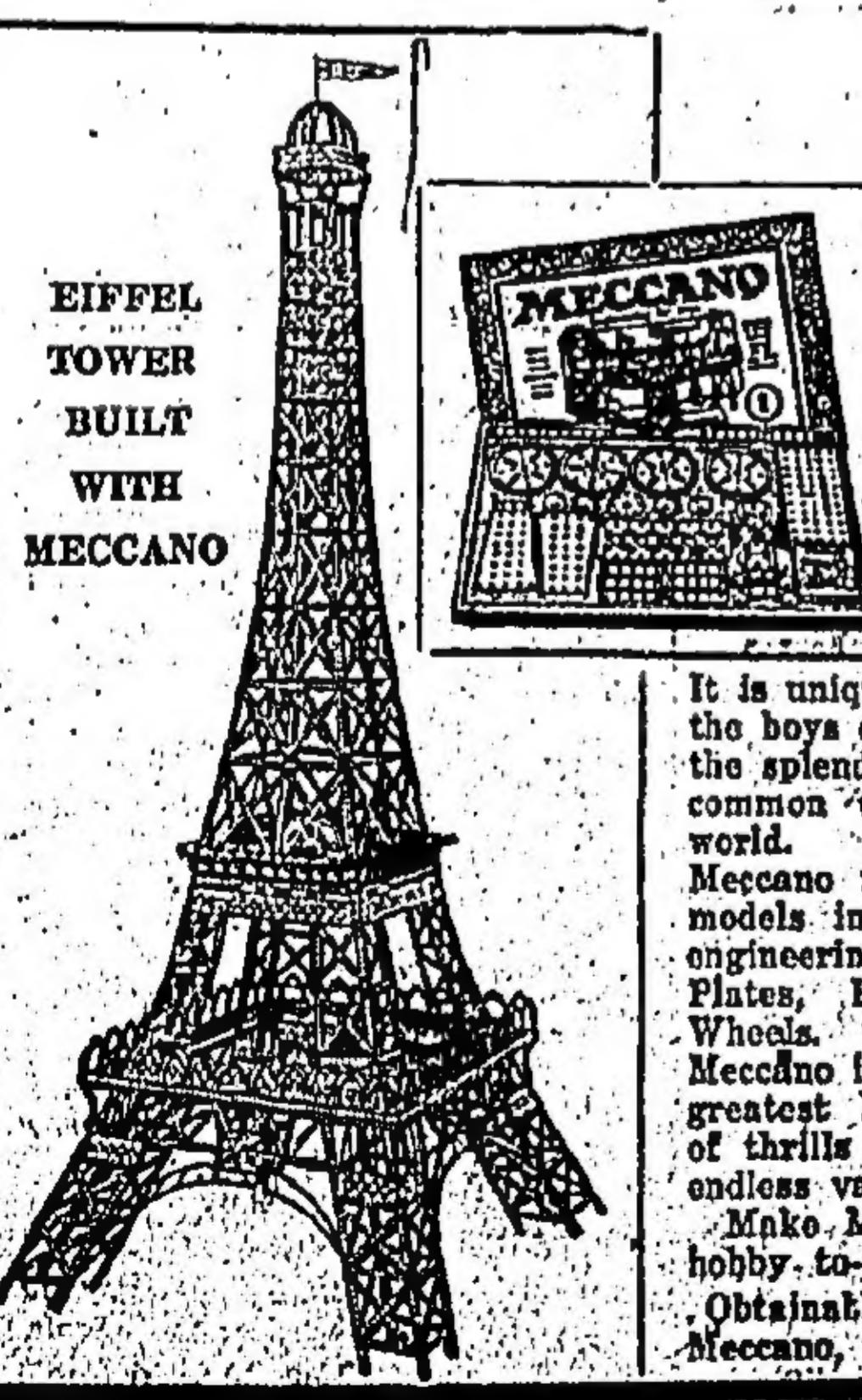
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The China Mail.

Hong Kong, Tuesday, Jan. 10, 1933.

Persian Oil Contract.

It may not be necessary to regard as immediately critical the Persian Government's move in cancelling the Anglo-Persian Oil Company's concession, but it touches a nerve in the Empire's system and at a vital place. The British Government's note of protest to Persia makes clear that, while Britain is open to an amicable settlement, she will not hesitate to take any action necessary to protect her interests and commercial rights. The main question moving the Persian Government is the amount of royalties payable under the agreement. The romantic story of the British development of Persian oilfields does not end with the first syndicate's discovery of the oil, or the efforts to secure to Britain control of the undertaking in the interests of Imperial policy. Those interests were sought as a result of the fierce naval building competition with Germany before the war. Mr. Winston Churchill in his book, "The World Crisis," has told that story. In order to retain supremacy in manoeuvring ability over the powerful new German fleet, Mr. Churchill (as First Lord of the Admiralty) and Lord Fisher (as First Sea Lord) agreed that the British battle fleet must possess a division of capital ships not only of great gun-power, but capable of outsteaming the prospective enemy. The provision of the required horse-power within limited engine-room space meant that coal fuel must be sacrificed to oil. Already large quantities of oil were required, too, for the new destroyers and submarines. In 1912 the British Cabinet made its great decision. "It involved our national safety," says Mr. Churchill, "as much as a battle at sea." So from necessity to enlarge the guns and the speed of the navy came the entire transformation of fuel provision. It involved enormous expense, but there was no alternative. "We could only fight our way forward, and finally we found our way to the Anglo-Persian oil agree-

ment and contract." That was early in 1914. When the war broke out, and Turkey entered on Germany's side, it was the need to protect these oil supplies which led to the Mesopotamian campaign. Later after the defeat of Turkey the British had to raise levies in Persia to defend the same interests against the Bolsheviks. In 1923 it was estimated that the British Government's investment of £5,000,000 in the Anglo-Persian company had appreciated in value to £16,000,000, and that the Government had received since 1914 in interest, dividends, and taxation £6,500,000. Further, the contract had enabled British Government departments to save some £7,500,000 in the price for oil which the Government would otherwise have had to pay, and another £10,000,000 in other ways, including general reduction of oil prices under Anglo-Persian competition. This 1923 estimate thus made the value as at that time of the original investment worth £40,000,000 to the British Government. The defiance of the Allies, and especially of the British, by Turkey under Mustapha Kemal after the war, and the propaganda of the Soviet Government have not helped the cause of British prestige in Persia. The nationalist spirit in Egypt and India, and British tolerance of its provocative self-assertion, following upon the Turkish example, have not been lost upon ambitious leaders in Persia. Now Britain has relinquished her mandate over Iraq, Persia's neighbour. When a hunger-striking fanatic in India can cause (or seem to cause) a British Cabinet to quake in its shoes, it is a call to many quarters in that eastern world to test a symptom of weakness. An energetic soldier in the present Shah of Persia, like Mustapha Kemal himself, seized power, and maintains it by his army. Persia has abolished foreign capitulations after the example of Turkey, China, and Egypt, and the Persian Government wrung Britain's consent to the abolition by withholding, pending that consent, a concession to Imperial Airways to build aerodromes along the Persian Gulf on the air-route to India. These things have established precedents in favour of aggressive behaviour all over the Near East. Now Persia has denounced the oil agreement, current till 1961, and containing no right of cancellation, in order (it seems) to extract higher royalties. Revision may be just. It is rather the manner of demanding it that must cause qualms to those who appreciate the delicacy of the position in which Britain, while endeavouring to encourage the self-government among peoples in this politically volatile region of the world, dare not abdicate too much of that authority which is no longer solely her own interest.

HERE, THERE
and
EVERWHERE

Hindenburg's Dream.

The whole world will sympathise with President Hindenburg in his effort to bring order into the chaos of German politics. His present dilemma is admirably illustrated in the following story:

The other day the "old gentleman" dreamt that he was entering the gates of Heaven. As he walked St. Peter stopped him.

"Who are you?" he asked.

"Paul Hindenburg."

"What did you do on earth?"

"I did my duty," was the soldier's reply.

St. Peter raised a finger. "Are you sure?" he said slowly, "that you did your duty, or did you only keep your oath to the constitution?"

And before the President could think of the proper answer he woke up.

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Is Haggis Irish?

There is a suggestion afoot that haggis is not of Scots, but of French origin.

By a curious coincidence one was assured at the dinner recently of the Graduates' Association of the Irish Medical Schools, that its origin is Irish. The atmosphere of the dinner was learned and scientific, with Dr. F. Howard Humphris, the retiring president, in the chair. So the weight of academic opinion ought to be convincing.

But haggis did not appear on the menu.

Your Daily Smile.

Tricks of the Trade.

Card sharps, declares a judge, are frequently highly-educated people. They certainly know a good deal.

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DANGEROUS.

A man in France exchanged his wife for a horse. Most husbands, of course, would not do this to do this, but I should hate to tempt them with a good car.

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HOW MANY . . . ?

I see a noted film star has just taken her sixth husband. Well, she should know how many has-been make five.

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MYSTERY.

A naturalist urges us to leave fruit in our gardens for birds during the winter. But how will they open the tins?

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She Was Only—

—an artist's model, but she knew where to draw the line.

Facts You Did Not Know.

A radio device is being used in England to aid searches for Roman relics, an electric meter registering the presence of metal objects in its vicinity.

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A Pittsburgh inventor's automobile wheel includes a disk faced with solid rubber to support the weight of a car when its tire is punctured or blows out.

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The Japanese inventor of a high speed camera for scientific purposes claims to have increased its speed so that 40,500 pictures can be taken in a second.

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The top and sides of an automobile designed for salesmen can be expanded by turning a crank, to convert the body of the vehicle into a commodious showroom.

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News In Brief.

A concert is to be held at the Kowloon Cricket Club next Thursday, commencing at 9 p.m., when the presentation of the year's prizes for cricket, tennis, bowls and bridge will be held. A large attendance is expected, the entertainment promising to be an attractive one in every way.

A Lecture will be held at the Kowloon Union Church Hall, tonight, at 9 p.m. Dr. K. L. Reichelt, who has recently returned from several months spent in travel through Central China, will speak on "Some Glimpses from the Tibetan Borderland." The public is very cordially invited. A collection will be taken in aid of the Christian Mission to Buddhists Shantung.

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(Special Correspondence).

Chinwangtuo, Jan. 1. So much has lately appeared in the papers about the critical situation in Shanhaikwan that I, out of pure curiosity, decided to go there and see for myself what was happening. Shanhaikwan is now again a border town, and it was of great interest partly to observe how the Chinese authorities were able to cope with the new situation and partly to see possible signs of the much predicted coming Japanese conquests; they will always want more and more, which of course to them means glory and promotion.

Last time the so-called "misunderstanding" was explained and the danger blew over for the time being, but it might happen anytime again whenever some ambitious Japanese lieutenant at some real or imagined provocation considers that he has to act "in self-defence," in the same way as was done in Mukden on September 18, 1931. It seems to me that the Japanese army command does not now contemplate occupation of Shanhaikwan, but it will possibly have to do it if some hot-headed young officer takes the initiative. A curious side-light on the famous discipline in the Japanese Army!

Fear Prevades City.

In any case the Kwantung Army has succeeded in creating an atmosphere of fear and nervousness in Shanhaikwan. Fortunately General Ho Chu-kuo seems to be a calm and level-headed man who has done much to ease the situation. The fortifications which have been erected outside the city by his troops are, it was explained to me, only intended as protection against a possible aerial attack.

More than anything else the civilian population in Shanhaikwan is irritated by the presence of Japanese and so-called Manchukuo police in the city. The Japanese police have a perfect right according to treaty to be there, but how the Manchukuo police, who by the way consist of 36 men, two-thirds Japanese and one-third Koreans, have managed to acquire the same rights remains unexplained. However, there they are and there they stay, and they have the very disagreeable habit of arresting any Chinese they consider "suspected." As a rule of course suspected for having some connections with the volunteers outside the wall, those mysterious people whom the Japanese call "bandits." Why a man who fights for his country, his home and his family should be called a bandit has never been satisfactorily explained not even by Mr. Matsuka's eloquence at Geneva, but the Manchukuo police in Shanhaikwan evidently consider themselves at liberty to arrest anybody who is even ever so slightly suspected of having connections with these "criminals." And this happens constantly on Chinese territory, which is not forcibly occupied by Japanese troops. The unfortunate official who happens to be Chinese postmaster in Shanhaikwan has thus several times been arrested for unknown and unexplained reasons. Mr. Matsuka tried in Geneva to give lectures in international law to the representatives of the whole world; why not begin this worthy task by giving a few hints to the Manchukuo police in Shanhaikwan?

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\$2,000 JEWEL THEFT
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Victimised.

Jewellery, valued at approximately \$2,000 was stolen from Mrs. M. S. Wood, proprietress of the Jade Tree Shop aboard the Nippon Yusen Kashio Maru. Kashio Maru, while the ship was on a journey from Shanghai to Hong Kong en route to England.

The Kashio Maru left for England on Saturday, heading for Singapore, and the theft was reported to the Police only yesterday.

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"In January last I received a personal letter from the Rector of the Imperial College of Science and Technology in London. The purport of his letter is "We have got one of your students who shows considerable promise. Why can you not send us some more?"

Local Degree Accepted.

"One of our Engineering graduates is, I hope, going to the College this year, and I am proud to be able to tell you, that the Governing Body of the Imperial College have accepted the B.Sc. degree in Engineering of this University, which means that an engineering graduate of Hong Kong can present himself for the Diploma of Imperial College, after one year's post-graduate work in the City and Guilds College in London.

"The Liverpool School of Architecture has approached us spontaneously in the same spirit. Two of our ex-students are now in that School, and Professor Reilly, the Roscoe Professor of Architecture in the University of Liverpool writes of one of them:—

"He is exactly the type of man that I should like to have. In addition to his knowledge of engineering he is a man of taste with considerable powers of design. Indeed his good taste shows in everything he says and does."

"Send us more your men", is Professor Reilly's appeal. I would always reserve places for them."

Book Acquisition.

"Nor has, what I may perhaps be allowed to call without offence, the scholarship side of the University been neglected. The opening of the Fung Ping-shan Library of Chinese must be fresh in the memories of all of you. Some of you may have heard that in the course of years the Hankow Club has got together a unique collection of books on China. The whole of the Chinese Section of the Hankow Library has been bought for \$25,000 and is even now on its way to Hong Kong. I want to make it clear that these books are all about China, but that they are all written in some European language—mostly in French and in English. They will, therefore, become a part of the University's general library and not of the Fung Ping-shan Chinese Library, which is for books written in Chinese only. The books which we have bought from the Hankow Club number approximately 3,000."

FREEDOM OF MASTER MARINERS.

Capt. Laurenson Honoured.

A further honour was conferred on Captain T. T. Laurenson, D.S.C., J.P., yesterday, when he was admitted to the Freedom of the Honourable Company of Master Mariners. The Prince of Wales is Master of the Company, and Sir Burton Chadwick is Deputy Master. In the presence of the Hon. Sir William Shenton, Capt. Laurenson made the Declaration of a Freeman of the Honourable Company of Master Mariners, and was duly admitted. He is a Life Member of the Honourable Company, and his admission to the Freedom is now confirmed by his making the Declaration of a Freeman.

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Possession Of Ammunition.

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Defendant's luggage was searched by Detective-Sergeant Hemmings, and the ammunition was found, in a basket, congealed under some paper.

Mr. M. K. Lo, who appeared for the defence, pleaded guilty. He stated that defendant used a revolver in Kongmoon only.

MAIN STOCKS SUPPORTED.

New York Market Outlook.

New York, To-day: There has been outside response to better behaviour on the part of the pivotal stocks, reports Messrs. E. A. Pierce and Company.

The market is still in the zone of resistance, with the immediate outcome problematical. In fact, yesterday afternoon's trading suggested that prices might back away for a fresh start.

Rails and bonds showed an upward trend of .08 and .45, respectively while industrials and utilities showed a downward trend of .65 and .43.

Business done was small, only 930,000 shares changing hands.—Reuter.

SERGT. WILLIAMS LAID TO REST.

Impressive Funeral With Military Honours.

MANY PEOPLE PRESENT.

The funeral of Police Sergeant Daniel Hill Williams, in the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley, last evening. A firing party from the Lincoln Regiment met the hearse at the approaches into the Cemetery, where the remains were interred. The service was conducted by the Rev. N. V. Hallward.

Three volleys were fired over the grave and a bugler sounded the "Last Post" followed by the "Reveille."

Those present included the Hon. Inspector General of Police (Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe), Mr. W. La Bart Sparrow and Mr. K. Bidmead (Assistant Superintendents of Police), Mr. P. Grant (Chief Inspector), Inspector J. C. Fender (in charge of the Police party); Inspectors C. P. Fallon, W. Shannon, F. Booker, J. McLellan, and other senior Officers of the Police Force; Mr. T. M. Hazlewood, members of the staff of the Supreme Court, and a police party of more than 50 European Sergeants, and others.

A wreath was buried with the remains in the name of the deceased's father.

Many other wreaths were sent.

GOLD STANDARD DEBATE

WAR DEBTS MUST BE SETTLED.

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No Unilateral Risks.

The Daily Telegraph says, "The first essential of a return to the gold standard by Britain is, real and final settlement of war debts."

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A Great Sherlock Holmes Story.

The Adventure of SILVER BLAZE

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"I AM sorry to say that we have made very little progress," said the Inspector. "We have an open carriage outside, and as you would no doubt like to see the place before the light fails, we might talk it over as we drive."

A minute later we were all seated in a comfortable landau and were rattling through the quaint old Devonshire town. Inspector Gregory was full of his ease, and poured out a stream of remarks, while Holmes threw in an occasional question or interjection. Colonel Ross leaned back with his arms folded and his hat tilted over his eyes, while I listened with interest to the dialogue of the two detectives. Gregory was formulating his theory, which was almost exactly what Holmes had foretold in the train.

"The net is drawn pretty close round Fitzroy Simpson," he remarked, "and I believe myself that he is our man. At the same time, I recognise that the evidence is purely circumstantial, and that some new development may upset it."

"How about Straker's knife?"

"We have quite come to the conclusion that he wounded himself in his fall."

"My friend Dr. Watson made that suggestion to me as we came down. If so, it would tell against this man Simpson."

"Undoubtedly. He has neither a knife nor any sign of a wound. The evidence against him is certainly very strong. He had a great interest in the disappearance of the favourite, he lies under the suspicion of having poisoned the stable boy, he was undoubtedly out in the storm, he was armed with a heavy stick, and his cravat was found in the dead man's hand. I really think we have enough to go before a jury."

Holmes shook his head. "A clever counsel would tear it all to rags," said he. "Why should he take the horse out of the stable? If he wished to injure it, why could he not do it there? Has a duplicate key been found in his possession? What chemist sold him the powdered opium? Above all, where could he, a stranger to the district, hide a horse, and such

duced into the case, which they account for his leading the horse from the stable?"

Holmes pricked up his ears.

"We have found traces which show that a party of gypsies encamped on Monday night within a mile of the spot where the murder took place. On Tuesday they were gone. Now, presuming that there was some understanding between Simpson and these gypsies, might he not have been lending the horse to them when he was overtaken, and may they not have him now?"

"It is certainly possible."

"The moor is being scoured for these gypsies. I have also examined every stable and outhouse in Tavistock, and for a radius of ten miles."

"There is another training stable quite close, I understand?"

"Yes, and that is a factor which we must certainly not neglect. As Desborough, their horse, was second in the betting they had an interest in the disappearance of the favourite. Silas Brown, the trainer, is known to have had large bets upon the event, and he was no friend to poor Straker. We have, however, examined the stables, and there is nothing to connect him with the affair."

"And nothing to connect this man Simpson with the interests of the Capleton stable?"

"Nothing at all."

Holmes leaned back in the carriage, and the conversation ceased. A few minutes later our driver pulled up at a neat little red-brick villa with overhanging eaves which stood by the road. Some distance off, across a paddock, lay a long grey-tiled outbuilding. In every other direction the low curves of the moor, bronze-coloured from the fading ferns, stretched away to the sky line, broken only by the steeples of Tavistock, and by a cluster of houses away to the westward, which marked the Capleton stables.

We all sprang out with the exception of Holmes, who continued to lean back, with his eyes fixed upon the sky in front of him, entirely absorbed in his own thoughts. It was only when I touched his arm that he roused himself with a violent start and stepped out of the carriage.

"Excuse me," said he, turning to Colonel Ross, who had looked at him in some surprise. "I was day-dreaming. There was a gleam in his eyes and a suppressed excitement in his manner, which convinced me, nigh as I was to his ways, that his hand was upon a clue, though I could not imagine where he had found it."

"Perhaps you would prefer, at once to go on to the scene of the crime, Mr. Holmes?" said Gregory.

"I think that I should prefer to stay here a little and go into one or two questions of detail. Straker was brought back here, I presume?"

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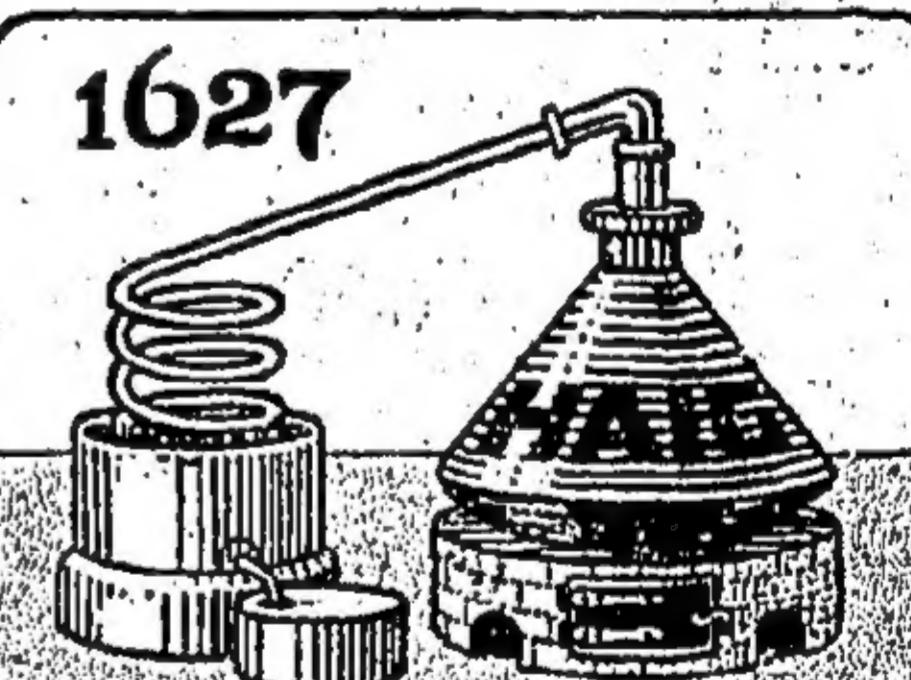
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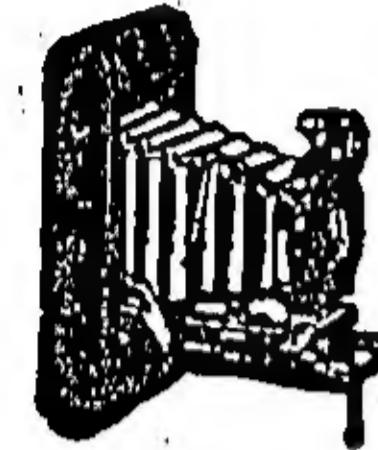
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**St. Andrew's Forming
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R.A.M.C. Losing Timmins

**SENIOR & FLOOD GREATLY ASSIST
R.A.S.C. IN MAMAK TOURNEY**

INCOGNITOS TO FIELD TWO TEAMS.

(By Centre Half.)

F. E. LAMMERT, a cousin of Geoffrey Lammert, the Inter-port rugger player, is making his debut for the Hong Kong Hockey Club first eleven in their match against the Navy on the Naval ground at King's Park to-morrow afternoon. Lammert, who has been playing regularly for the Shamian Hockey Club, of which team A. T. Lay is also a former member, will be seen in action on the right wing, thus displacing J. L. Tetley. The Club are fielding a strong eleven and should render a good account of themselves. Incidentally, this game should act as a pointer to the forthcoming Sim Shield series which commence on February 15. The Club team to-morrow is as follows:—H. W. Lee; J. Rodger, E. V. Reed; W. A. Reed, A. A. Dand (Capt.), J. E. Potter; F. E. Lammert, W. E. Williams, G. E. R. Divett, A. T. Lay, C. C. Francis.

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THE Navy will be fielding a fairly strong team, with the Medway Officers' supplying the forward line. In Sub-Lt. Donald, the Navy have a speedy right wing—he is one of the best players in that position in the Colony—and Potter will have no easy task in marking him. The defence will be well served by Lt. White, who is a brilliant centre-half, while Lt.-Comdr. Higham in goal furnishes a splendid last line of defence. It is probable that Commander Shaw, of H.M.S. Kent, will be included in the Navy's defence.

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Cavill, while Austen, a newcomer, was seen in action at right half back in place of Hardy. Chaffey, who usually plays right wing occupied the inside position, with Bryce as his wing. Their combination was good, Bryce being responsible for many dangerous moves on the Incognitos' goal.

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EV. REED, the Club left full back, had the misfortune to fall on the sand ground in the same match, cutting his right arm rather badly. Scott, of the Signals, on the other hand, was unfortunate to get hit on the head with the ball, but happily, the injury was not serious.

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A DOUBLE loss will be sustained by the departure on Saturday next from the Colony of Corporal Timmins, of the R.A.M.C. who is leaving for Home aboard the s.s. Ranchi. The Medical Corps will lose a regular player, while the Mamak Tournament will be robbed of the services of a most efficient. Timmins has played regularly for the R.A.M.C. Mamak team at left half back and has also figured in friendly fixtures. He has on occasion played at left full-back.

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SERGEANT Major A. W. Kirton Vaughan, the newly appointed Secretary of the Mamak Tournament, in place of Staff Sergeant E. V. Marshall, of the R.A.S.C., who resigned owing to his impending departure from Hong Kong, is a stalwart in the Medical Corps defence, playing at right full back. Recently he figured in the Army trials in the same position, and gave a good impression.

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INTER-CHANGE of visits between local teams and the Macao Hockey Club commenced on January 1, when the Radio Sports Club visited the Portuguese Colony and won by 5 goals to 2. The R.A.S.C. were invited to go too, but as their only vacant date was previously booked by the Radio, the visit had to be cancelled. Last Sunday, the Y.M.C.A. sent a team to Macao, and did well to emerge victors by the odd goal in three. The "Y" were without the services of D. McLellan, their skipper and best player, and F. S. W. Smith, also of the half-back line. H. J. D. Lowe, of the Club, who deputised for McLellan, however, played a brilliant game. Many "Y" ladies also went, including Miss M. Mason, captain of the "Y" Ladies' eleven, Miss A. Fowler, vice-captain, and Miss O. Dalziel, while other sporting personalities in W. Tillary, of the K.F.C., and Miss Ena Allen, the former Colony ladies' champion swimmer, were also in the party.

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M.C.C. ONLY 286**

**Moore's 4 For 23 And
Larwood's Effort.**

RESULTS OF TOUR TO DATE.

Bendigo, Yesterday. **S**UTCLIFFE and Hammond enjoyed batting practice in the match between the M.C.C. and the Victorian County XI here to-day. The Yorkshireman contributed 91 and "Wally" Hammond 67 towards the tourists' total of 286. The home team, however, forced a draw.

Continuing their innings the M.C.C. carried their overnight total of 30 for no wicket to 286, Moore capturing 4 wickets for 23 runs. The home team collapsed sensationally and at the close of play had lost 11 of their 13 wickets for 75, Larwood having captured 3 for 15 to bring his tally for the match to 7 for 44. The home side batted 13 and fielded 11.

Full scores as cabled by Reuter were as follow:

Victorian XI: 215 (Larwood 4 for 29)

**75 for 11 (Larwood 3 for 15)
M.C.C.: 286 (D. R. Jardine 11, Sutcliffe 9, Hammond 67, Moore 4 for 23).**

The M.C.C. will now enjoy a brief rest before taking part in the third Test at Adelaide on Friday the 13th.

The following have been the results of the M.C.C. team to date:

v West Australia—Drawn

v Combined Australian XI—Drawn

v South Australia—Won by 111 & 129

v Victoria—Won by 111 & 183

v New South Wales—Won by 111 & 44

v Australian XI—Drawn

v AUSTRALIA—Won by 10 wickets

v Southern Districts, N.S.W.—Drawn

v Tasmania—Won by 111 & 125

v Tasmania—Drawn

v AUSTRALIA—Lost by 111 runs

v Victoria County XI—Drawn

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athletes at Yale, led the discussion in favour of the change, advocated it in "fairness to American athletes."

"Sooner or later," he said, "we are coming to a universal system of measurement. It is obvious that the international metric system will not be changed so it is up to us to make our system conform. Only England and the United States retain the yards and miles. It is not fair to keep away from our competitors the chance to break all the real world's records simply because we do not run our races at metres. In fairness to American athletes we should make the change."

The change became effective on January 1, so that virtually all of the coming indoor season's meets will be run in accordance with metric measurements. Incidentally, all record holders at yards and miles, now listed in the books, are virtually assured of going down as all-time champions at these distances since they seldom will be run again.

This change was aimed at bringing about a universal system of measurement for track and field events, and as a direct result, universal records.

Johnny Magee, Bowdin track coach who with A. C. Gilbert, chairman of the advisory board of

FANLING JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

Draw For First Round.

The following is the draw for the First Round of the 1932 Junior Championship of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club.

B. D. Evans (91) v. W. A. Stewart (90).

C. H. Bradley (89) v. H. W. Dawkin (81).

L. Goldman (90) v. H. G. Wellington (91).

G. W. Sewell (92) v. H. C. Gould (92).

H. Hampton (91) v. C. B. Robertson (93).

C. E. Sandstrom (91) v. T. C. Mongahan (84).

J. MacKnight (84) v. D. Ellis (89).

H. H. Mundy (91) v. C. H. Burton (92).

Figures in brackets denote qualifying scores.

First Round to be played on or before January 22; Second Round February 5; Semi-final February 19; and the Final (36 holes) on or before February 26.

Sporting Activities For Week

TO-DAY

Hockey—Mamak Tournament

R.A.M.C. v. Royal Signals

(Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.)

TO-MORROW

Billiards—Open Championship

F. Brimblecombe v. C. P. O. Simmonds

(St. Patrick's Club, 8.30 p.m.)

Victoria Chess Club v. German Club

(6.15 p.m.)

Hockey—Mamak Tournament

University v. R.A.S.C.

(Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.)

Friendly Matches

Hong Kong Hockey Club v.

Lincolnshire Regiment

(U.S.L.C. ground, 5 p.m.)



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HONG KONG RUGBY TEAM SELECTED FOR THE INTERPORT

K.C.C. PRIZE DISTRIBUTION ON THURSDAY

Mixed Concert Features Programme.

LIST OF PRIZE-WINNERS.

The Kowloon Cricket Club are holding a Mixed Concert in their pavilion on Thursday evening commencing at 9 p.m., and will take the opportunity of distributing prizes won at cricket, lawn tennis and lawn bowls for the year 1932-32.

The arrangements for the concert are in the very able hands of Mrs. Youngusband and Mr. V. C. Labrum and everything points to a most enjoyable evening.

The following are the prize winners:

CRICKET
1st XI—Batting—E. F. Fincher (27-138-8-902-47.47)
1st XI—Bowling—G. C. Burnett (277.5-54-950-70-13.57)
2nd XI—Batting—F. S. W. Smith (18-106-3-584-38.93)
2nd XI—Bowling—F. S. W. Smith (158.4-35-446-50-8.92)

LAWN TENNIS—1932-32
Men's Singles—E. C. Fincher; Runner-up—W. Hyde.

Men's Singles Handicap "A"—E. C. Fincher; Runner-up—A. E. Guest.

Men's Singles Handicap "B"—C. J. Tacchi; Runner-up W. W. Hirst.

Men's Handicap Doubles—E. C. and E. F. Fincher; Runners-up—F. Zimmo and W. Hung.

Mixed Doubles Handicap—G. A. White and Miss O. Dalziel; Runners-up—Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hamby.

LAWN TENNIS 1932-3.
Men's Singles—E. C. Fincher; runner-up—A. E. Guest (6-3, 6-2, 6-4).

Men's Singles (Junior)—P. O. Dunn; Runner-up—G. A. White (2-6, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-3).

Men's Handicap Doubles—E. C. Fincher and E. F. Fincher.

Men's Handicap Singles "A"—S. A. Gray; Runner-up—W. C. Hung (3-6, 6-4, 6-2).

Ladies' Singles—Mrs. H. M. McTavish; Runners-up—Miss M. Griffiths (6-2, 6-0).

Mixed Doubles Handicap—E. F. Fincher and Mrs. McTavish; Runners-up—E. C. Fincher and Miss O. Dalziel (4-6, 6-4, 6-3).

Consolation—W. H. Hirst and F. S. W. Smith.

LAWN BOWLS 1931

President's Cup—Winner J. Fraser; Runner-up—A. E. Silksstone.

Vice-President's Cup—Winner J. A. Howe; Runner-up—H. Hampton Club Handicap—Winner H. Gittins; Runner-up—J. Fraser.

Norton Cup Handicap—Winner C. J. Roe; Runner-up—J. M. Jack.

Novice Competition—Winner J. Smith; Runner-up—C. G. Harrison.

Pairs Handicap—Winner A. E. Silksstone & P. T. Farrell; Runners-up—F. E. Skinner & V. C. Labrum.

Y. M. C. A. ELEVEN TO-DAY.

The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. hockey first eleven against H.K.S. Bde. R.A. on the Marina ground at 5.10 p.m. to-day:—L. D. Skinner; D. Owen; E. O. Murphy; E. F. Selk; R. A. Bates; F. W. R. Allen; J. M. Wilson; G. C. Burnett; W. J. Browne; G. H. Fowler and T. J. Price.

SOUTH CHINA FOOTBALLER WEDS.

TAM KONG-PAK, the South China inside right and scorer of 13 League goals to date this season, photographed with his bride, Miss Chu, on the roof of Lane Crawford's Restaurant. Owing to his living in Canton Tam was ineligible for the Interport against Shanghai last November. (Lo Sui-tung.)



CAPTAIN'S CUP AT FANLING

Dadwells Beat Holders In Governor's Shield.

WEEK-END GOLF.

The following were the results of matches in the Second Round of the Captain's Cup played at Fanling last week-end:

Hampion beat Stark 6 and 5.
Hole beat Dawkes 2 and 1.
McGarry beat Mundy 1 up.
Gould beat Leach 5 and 4.
Mackie beat Butlin 1 up.
*Dulley v. Lay.

Monaghan beat Petherick 2 up.

Lissaman beat Sleap 3 and 2,
*not play yet.

The Third Round of the Governor's Shield, which was played last week-end, provided a sensation when the P.W.D. the holders, succumbed to Dadwells by the large margin of 5 and 3.

The following were the results, the winners entering the Semi-Final:

Dadwells beat P.W.D. 5 and 3.
Education Dept. beat University 7 and 5.

B.A.T. beat A.P.C. 3 and 2.
Lane, Crawfords beat Lincolns 3 and 1.



P. C. MINNS (Oxford) just manages to evade a flying tackle by K. C. Fyfe in the 57th annual Rugby match between Oxford and Cambridge at Twickenham, London, before over 40,000 who saw Oxford win by 8 points to 3 after an exciting struggle. Minns scored twice for the winners.

Forwards Who Might Have Been Three-Quarters

By CLEM LEWIS,

Wales, Cambridge and Cardiff.

POLISH TENNIS STAR CONVERTED BY TILDEN

Not Banned As An Amateur.

Ignacy Tloczynski, Poland's young tennis star, entered professional tennis while the Bill Tilden troupe was here, but the Polish star will not be banned as an amateur.

He was given permission by the Polish Tennis Union, which was anxious to give the 20-year old a chance to prove his ability in big time competition.

He lost to Tilden, after winning the first set, 1/6, 6/1, 6/3. Tilden was suffering from a strained ligament and relinquished his place in the doubles with Bruce Barnes, enabling the Polish youngster also to play in the foursomes.

THE back division should consist of Nozawa; Brind, Taylor, who was the most dangerous three quarter in the last side that visited Hong Kong, Scott and Geoffrey More, who represented Hong Kong at wing three quarter, in the last interport, with Hubbard and Neil as the half backs.

The Japanese will be in Shanghai just prior to the Interport match against Hong Kong, and everything points to a big boost to rugby in the northern city as the result of the forthcoming fortnight's programme.

Rugby is taking big strides in Shanghai, last Saturday witnessing the Shanghai Club with five teams in the field on the same afternoon, thus establishing a new precedent in the history of the Club.

FOR all the enthusiasm displayed in the North, newspaper reports, however, show a pessimistic trend towards the coming Interport. Shanghai have been unfortunate in the matter of injuries, and as a result they have seldom been able to field the same three-quarter line.

The absence of Fowler and Blackwood and the injury to C. D. Wales has robbed the side of the attacking force that was so evident last year, and has caused the selectors more grey hairs than ever before.

The pack more or less chooses itself, though Shanghai has a wealth of excellent forwards, the back division causing the only anxiety.

Neal has been tried out successfully at scrum half, though his passes are rather high and inclined to be wild. Bowerman's inclusion in the senior team has proved a successful experiment and though he may be rather young and slight a little encouragement should work the oracle.

Reserves—F. E. Skinner and S. H. Garrod.

Chatting recently with Willie Lewellyn, the great wing three-quarter of former days, he asked me whether I had noticed how, almost without exception, the modern Welsh backs were definitely on the small side. I concurred, and he then gave me what he considered the probable cause for it.

Our players now are almost entirely recruited from schoolboy, and ex-schoolboy teams. Should one of these teams possess a lad of anything like commanding physique he is automatically made into a forward. Teachers, he maintained, look for their backs amongst the small lads and their forwards amongst the big ones.

Two Examples

Willie Llewellyn game me two examples of big forwards whom he considered, would have made international centres of the ideal type.

One was 1 for Jones, the Llanelli wing, the other that speedy forward Gwyn Smith, who now captains Bridgend. I think it is a point which those who run school X's should seriously bear in mind. Dax I repeat the good big one is superior to the good little one?

Casting my mind along the personnel of our leading Welsh teams of to-day, I cannot think of anything like commanding physique he is automatically made into a forward. Teachers, he maintained, look for their backs amongst the small lads and their forwards amongst the big ones.

Llanelli is the same old solid combination, and I think they would be harder to beat than Cardiff.

My own opinion is that the most likely-looking Welsh side is down at Swansea. In R. R. Morris they have the one fly-half who can challenge Ralph, whilst the forwards, in spite of Saturday, are sound all round.

This brings me back to my starting point. Swansea will suffer chiefly because their back division is so physically frail.

Morris, for instance, is under 5ft. 6in., and somewhere round 9st. What a national asset he would become in a year or so if he had more inches and a few extra stone—always provided he did not lose his present mercurial qualities!

Undoubtedly Newport are experiencing their lean time, and reverting to their game last Saturday I overheard a trite remark from a certain official of the Welsh Union.

"Show me," he said, "a fly-half who is in brilliant form, and I will show you a scrum worker who is also in brilliant form."

Then thought the reverse must be true, or at least, no fly-half can do himself justice unless his scrum worker and scrum are playing well. I write these remarks because I overheard far too many remarks to the effect that Ralph was not the Ralph of last year.

Overlooking Givons

The dazzling try of his against Cardiff showed me plainly enough that he still has the knack. Not

LAI WAH CUP GAME ON SATURDAY

Army And Civilian Elevens.

The following have been selected to play for the Civilians against the Army in the Lai Wah Cup on Saturday on the Hong Kong Football Club ground at 3.30 p.m.—

G. Rodger (Club);

Martin (Club), S. Strange (Club) (captain);

Bliss (Kowloon), Beltrao (St. Joseph's), A. Duncan (Club);

T. Pile (Police), Hill (Kowloon), A. V. Gosano (St. Joseph's), B. Gosano (St. Joseph's), F. Santos (Recreo);

Reserves: Blackbourne and Britain (Police), E. Strange and Williams (Club), and Blake (Kowloon).

The following will represent the Army:—

Pte. Heath (Lincolns);

Gnr. Allen (R.A.), L/Cpl. Mullane (S.W.B.);

L/Cpl. Barber (Lincolns), Gnr. Fardoe (R.A.);

Pte. Podmore (S.W.B.);

Pte. Harris (Lincolns), Edr. Bryant (R.A.);

Pte. Sands (R.A.O.B.);

Pte. James (S.W.B.);

Wdr. Seal (R.A.).

Reserves:—Cpl. Ash (Lincolns), L/Cpl. Cork (Lincolns), Pte. Baldry (Lincolns), Sgt. Wood (R.A.), L/Bdr. Gough (R.A.), and Pte. Morrison (S.W.B.).

VETERAN WIN MAMAK MATCH.

Defeat Parthian By 2 Clear Goals.

H.M.S. Veteran defeated H.M.S. Parthian by 2 goals to nil in a Mamak Tournament match played at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon. The exchanges throughout were very even, and it was in the second half that Rimmer scored two goals for the Veteran.

R.A.S.C. Team.

In their match against the University to-morrow at Sookunpo, commencing at 4 p.m., the following have been chosen to represent the R.A.S.C.—W. E. Funnel; J. H. Jeffers; G. Whitley; H. S. G. Mayell; G. Buckland; A. C. Keene; P. J. Barlow; H. A. Tipple; P. H. Senior; T. H. Spain and T. O'Connor.

Mamak Hockey Table

(Up to and including yesterday's games.)

	Goals
P. W. L. D. E. A. Pts.	12 12 0 1 54 25
R.C. Signals	18 11 3 2 52 17 24
1st XI H.K.S.	10 9 0 1 46 9 19
R.A.S.C.	18 8 3 2 26 23 18
Argentinos	9 9 0 0 29 9 18
Macau	14 6 3 2 52 15 17
St. Andrew's	10 7 2 1 36 11 15
Police	8 6 1 2 19 10 14
University	9 5 4 0 17 20 10
Phoenix	8 3 2 8 10 17 9
12th R.A.	9 4 1 2 16 32 9
R.E.	14 2 7 5 8 15 15
R.A.M.C.	12 3 4 0 12 16 6
Parthian	5 3 2 0 10 15
Veteran	6 2 5 0 6 7 2
German Club	12 2 8 0 10 43 4
24th R.A.	10 1 7 2 10 24 4
20th R.A.	7 1 5 1 8 15 3
R.A.O.C.	11 0 10 1 0 36
K.I.T.C.	12 0 11 1 6 47 1
5th Destroyer	3 0 2 1 4 7 1

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“SILVER BLAZE”

(Continued from page 7.)

“Yes, he lies upstairs. The inquiry is to-morrow.”

“He has been in your service some years, Colonel Ross?”

“I have always found him an excellent servant.”

“I presume that you made an inventory of what he had in his pockets at the time of his death Inspector?”

“I have the things themselves in the sitting-room if you would care to see them.”

“I should be very glad.”

We all filed into the front room and sat round the central table, while the Inspector unlocked a square tin box and laid a small heap of things before us. There was a box of vestas, two inches of tallow candle, an A. D. P. briar-root pipe,

a pouch of sealskin with half an ounce of long-cut Cavendish, a silver watch with a gold chain, five sovereigns in gold, an aluminium pencil-case, a few papers, and an ivory-handled knife with a very delicate inflexible blade marked Weiss and Co., London.

“This is a very singular knife,” said Holmes, lifting it up and examining it minutely. “I presume, as I see bloodstains upon it, that it is the one which was found in the dead man’s grasp. Watson, this knife is surely in your line.”

“It is what we call a cataract knife,” said I.

“I thought so. A very delicate blade devised for very delicate work. A strange thing for a man to carry with him upon a rough expedition, especially as it would not fit in his pocket.”

The tip was guarded by a disc of cork which we found beside his body,” said the Inspector. “His wife tells us that the knife had lain for some days upon the dressing-table, and that he had picked it up as he left the room. It was a poor weapon, but perhaps the best that could lay his hand on at the moment.”

“Very possibly. How about these papers?”

“Three of them are received hay dealers’ accounts. One of them is a letter of instructions from Colonel Ross. This other is a milliner’s account for thirty-seven pounds fifteen, made out by Mme. Lesurier, of Bond-street, to William Darbyshire. Mrs. Straker tells us that Darbyshire was a friend of her husband’s, and that occasionally his letters were addressed here.”

“Mme. Darbyshire had somewhat expensive tastes,” remarked Holmes, glancing down the account. “Twenty-two guineas is rather heavy for a single costume. However, there appears to be nothing more to learn, and we may now go down to the scene of the crime.”

As we emerged from the sitting-room woman who had been waiting in the passage took a step forward and laid her hand upon the Inspector’s sleeve. Her face was haggard and thin and eager; stamped with the print of a recent horror.

“Have you got them? Have you found them?” she panted.

“No, Mrs. Straker; but Mr. Holmes, here, has come from London to help us, and we shall do all that is possible.”

“Surely I met you in Plymouth, at a garden party, some little time ago, Mrs. Straker?” said Holmes.

“No, sir; you are mistaken.”

“Dear me; why, I could have sworn to it. You wore a costume of dove-coloured silk with ostrich feather trimming.”

“I never had such a dress, sir,” answered the lady.

“Ah; that quite settles it,” said Holmes, and with an apology, he followed the Inspector outside. A short walk across the moor took us to the hollow in which the body had been found. At the brink of it was the furze bush upon which the coat had been hung.

“There was no wind that night, I understand,” said Holmes.

“None; but very heavy rain.”

“In that case the overcoat was not blown against the furze bushes, but placed there.”

“Yes, it was laid across the bush.”

“You fill me with interest. I perceive that the ground has been trampled up a good deal. No doubt many feet have been there since Monday night.”

“A piece of matting has been laid here at the side, and we have all stood up on that.”

“Excellent.”

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Holmes took the bag, and descending into the hollow

he pushed the matting into a more central position. Then stretching himself upon his face and leaning his chin upon his hands he made a careful study of the trampled mud in front of him. “Halloo!” said he, suddenly, “what’s this?”

It was a wax vesta, half burned, which was so coated with mud that it looked at first like a little chip of wood.

“I cannot think how I came to overlook it,” said the Inspector, with an expression of annoyance.

“It was invisible, because I was looking for it.”

“What! You expected to find it?”

“I thought it not unlikely.” He took the boots from the bag and compared the impressions of each of them with marks upon the ground. Then he clambered up to the rim of the hollow and crawled about among the ferns and bushes.

“I am afraid that there are no more tracks,” said the Inspector.

“I have examined the ground very carefully for a hundred yards in each direction.”

“Indeed!” said Holmes, rising. “I should not have the impertinence to do it again after what you say. But I should like to take a little walk over the moors before it grows dark that I may know my ground to-morrow, and I think that I shall put this horseshoe into my pocket for luck.”

Colonel Ross, who had shown some signs of impatience at my companion’s quiet and systematic method of work, glanced at his watch.

“I wish you would come back with me, Inspector,” said he. “There are several points on which I should like your advice, and especially as to whether we do not owe it to the public to remove our horse’s name from the entries for the Cup.”

“Certainly not,” cried Holmes with decision; “I should let the name stand.”

The Colonel bowed. “I am very glad to have had your opinion, sir,” said he. “You will find us at poor Straker’s house when you have finished your walk, and we can drive together into Tavistock.”

He turned back with the Inspector, while Holmes and I walked slowly across the moor. The sun was beginning to sink behind the stables of Capleton, and the long sloping plain in front of us was tinged with gold, deepening into rich, ruddy brown where the faded ferns and brambles caught the evening light. But the glories of the landscape were all wasted upon my companion, who was sunk in the deepest thought.

“It’s this way, Watson,” he said, at last. “We may leave the question of who killed John Straker for the instant, and confine ourselves to finding out what has become of the horse. Now, supposing that he broke away during or after the tragedy, where could he have gone to? The horse is a very gregarious creature. If left to himself his instincts would have been either to return to King’s Pyland or go over to Capleton. Why should he run wild upon the moor? He would surely have been seen by now. And why should gypsies kidnap him?”

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said Holmes. “It is the one quality which Gregory lacks. We imagined what might have happened, acted upon the supposition, and find ourselves justified. Let us proceed.”

We crossed the marshy bottom and passed over a quarter of a mile of dry, hard turf. Again the ground sloped and again we came on the tracks. Then we lost them for half a mile, but only to pick them up once more quite close to Capleton. It was Holmes who saw them first, and he stood pointing with a look of triumph up to his face. A man’s track was visible beside the horse’s.

“The horse was alone before,” I cried.

“Quite so. It was alone before. Hallo! what is this?”

The double track turned sharp off and took the direction of King’s Pyland. Holmes whistled, and we both followed along after it. His eyes were on the trail, but I happened to look a little to one side, and saw to my surprise the same tracks coming back again in the opposite direction.

“One for you, Watson,” said Holmes, with a look of triumph up to his face. “You have saved us a long walk which would have brought us back on our own traces. Let us follow the return track.”

We had not to go far. In ended at the paving of asphalt which led up to the gates of the Capleton stables. As we approached a groom ran out from them.

“We don’t want any loiterers about here,” said he.

“I only wished to ask a question,” said Holmes, with his finger and thumb in his waistcoat pocket. “Should I be too early to see your master, Mr. Silas Brown, if I were to call at five o’clock to-morrow morning?”

“Bless you, sir, if anyone is about he will be, for he is always the first stirring. But here he is, sir, to answer your questions for himself. No, sir; no; it’s as much as my place is worth to let him see me touch your money.” Afterwards, if you like.”

As Sherlock Holmes replaced the half-crown which he had drawn from his pocket, a fierce-looking elderly man strode out from the gate with a hunting-crop swinging in his hand.

“What’s this, Dawson?” he cried. “No gossiping! Go about your business! And you—what the devil do you want here?”

“Ten minutes’ talk with you, my good sir,” said Holmes, in the sweetest of voices.

“I’ve no time to talk to every gadabout. We want no strangers here. Be off, or you may find a dog at your heels.”

Holmes leaned forward and whispered something in the trainer’s ear. He started violently and flushed to the temples.

“It’s a lie!” he shouted. “An infernal lie!”

“Very good! Shall we argue about it here in public, or talk it over in your parlour?”

“Oh, come in if you wish to.” Holmes smiled. “I shall not keep you more than a few minutes, Watson,” he said. “Now, Mr. Brown, I am quite at your disposal.”

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SHANHAIKWAN CITY FACES DISASTER.

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Failed To Find Assistants. The Japanese news agencies reported that the volunteers in Manchuria are being led, armed and fed by Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang in Peiping and more directly by General Ho Chu-kuo in Shanhaikwan. The former has declared that he naturally sympathises with their patriotic movement, but that he is not in a position to help them materially. The latter has gone even further and stated that he has promised the Japanese not to allow any supplies to reach the volunteers within the border controlled by his troops. Supposing now that both these statements are untrue, and that the volunteers really are controlled from Peiping and Shanhaikwan, I told myself that it must be possible to find in Shanhaikwan somebody who really does the dirty work at the order of the two gentlemen mentioned. But all my earnest efforts in this respect conspicuously failed, and I can only assure my readers that I did my best. From a purely journalistic point of view it would have been a great achievement to find and interview the moving spirit of the volunteer movement, who, according to the best informed Japanese sources, must be in Shanhaikwan. But it seems to be a sole privilege for the Manchukuo police to find these people.

It was of some interest to study the effect of the establishment of a new Chinese customs station at Shanhaikwan, the step being necessitated by the customs blockade declared against Manchukuo. The bulk of goods passing Shanhaikwan from outside the wall consists of cereals, which are duty free, and therefore do not affect the customs. The new customs station has, however, undoubtedly done a lot of good in preventing exaggerated smuggling of narcotics from Japan to China this way, even if quite naturally is impossible to stop entirely. The customs' staff are now very excited over a raid carried out on the station on the same night as the above-mentioned bombardment of Shanhaikwan. Taking advantage of the confusion prevailing in the town that night, some armed Japanese, forcibly entered the station, beat up the servants sleeping on the premises, destroyed all they could and removed some cargo confiscated by the customs and allegedly belonging to one of the intruders. Official protests and so on have so far led to nothing. Another little example on the true "samurai" spirit as practised in China.

New Notes Not Accepted. My attempts to gather some information about conditions inside the wall were mostly of no avail. One fact I learned which throws a peculiar light on the much-advertised excellent finances of Manchukuo. Japan has recently loaned this so-called state a sum of G.Y.80,000,000; it has a budget for the coming year with a big balance on the right side and so on. It has furthermore its brand new banknotes, very cheaply manufactured by stealing the old stock printing the notes with the words "The Central Bank of Manchukuo." Now these same banknotes are not accepted for paying passenger and of notes in the former Bank of the Three Eastern Provinces and over goods fares on the railway from Mukden to Shanhaikwan, neither are they accepted for paying duty when entering the paradise. In both cases you have to pay with hard silver dollars and both the railway and the customs thus refuse to honor the notes of the state. I do not pretend to know very much about international finance, but may be this curious state of affairs has something to do with the fall of the Yen?

My last impression of the Manchurian paradise, now quickly approaching China Proper, may be also worth recounting. On my way back from Shanhaikwan I had the honour of the company of a few not very high Japanese officials. They had a reserved coupe and their bodyguards, seven soldiers in all, sat in the buffet car together with two other first-class passengers and myself. Now this kind of thing used to be a perfect nuisance on the Chinese railways up to a few years ago. I mean the invasion of Chinese soldiers into dining and sleeping cars without paying a cent. I have recently travelled a great deal both on the Peiping-Shanhaikwan, Tientsin-Pukow, and Nanking-Shanghai railways, and I can testify that all this has everywhere entirely disappeared except between Shanhaikwan and Chinwangtiao where not Chinese but Japanese

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Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Inspector General of Police.

Arms Licences.

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Chinese Company.

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Japanese Move Troops

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He could not doubt that it was Japan's intention to establish a Monarchy in North China.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei said that China had not expected any material help from the Powers, but had attached the greatest importance to the League expressing a clear verdict in regard to who was right and who was wrong. He did not agree with the Lyton Commissions suggestions for a solution of the conflict at least, not without reservations, but he was ready to enter into negotiations based on the Report.

There was, he said; no prospect of a Russia Chinese Alliance.

China stood alone in the fight with Japan, but undoubtedly if the conflict in the Far East continued not only Russia, but other nations would come into conflict with Japan.

Executive Changes.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Nanking, To-day. From reliable sources, it is learned that Mr. Ma Chi-chun will succeed to the post of Minister of Home Affairs, in place of General Wang Chao-hung, who will shortly be appointed as Chairman of the Chekiang Provincial Government.

Canton, To-day. According to a telegram received by the Government, here, Dr. Lim Tung-hai will again be appointed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to discuss the Sino-Japanese situation with the Canton Government. The date of Dr. Lim's visit has not yet been fixed.

Japan Between Russia And U.S.

Rome, To-day. Baron Matsuo, in a statement to the Press at Forli, the seat of the Cardinal Legate said that the Japanese thesis at the League would remain unchanged by the recent conflict.

Manchuria is an independent state with the complete right at a suitable moment, with the assistance of Japan, to claim her independence.

Japan had no special interest to remain in the League, because she was between the United States and Russia who are not members.

There was a strong current of Japanese opinion against her remaining in the League, but it was still in a minority, he said.—Reuter.

New Constable of the Tower

Lord Milne Succeeds Late Lord Methuen.

London, To-day. H.M. the King has approved that Field Marshal Sir George Francis Milne, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, be appointed Constable of the Tower in the room of the late Field Marshal Lord Methuen. In the New Year's Honours' List it was announced that Sir George Milne has been created a Baron—British Wireless Service.

Field Marshal Sir George Milne has been Chief of the Imperial General Staff since 1920. He served with distinction in the Soudan, in South Africa and in the Great War. His multitude of decorations include the Grand Cross of the Order of Won Hu, China.

TRESPASS AT LYEMOON FORT

Charged with trespassing at the Lyemoon Fort, North Point, four Chinese men pledged guilty in the Central Police Court before Mr. Schofield this morning, and were fined \$5 or seven days' gaol each. Defendants stated they went to the ridge to pick up spent bullets.

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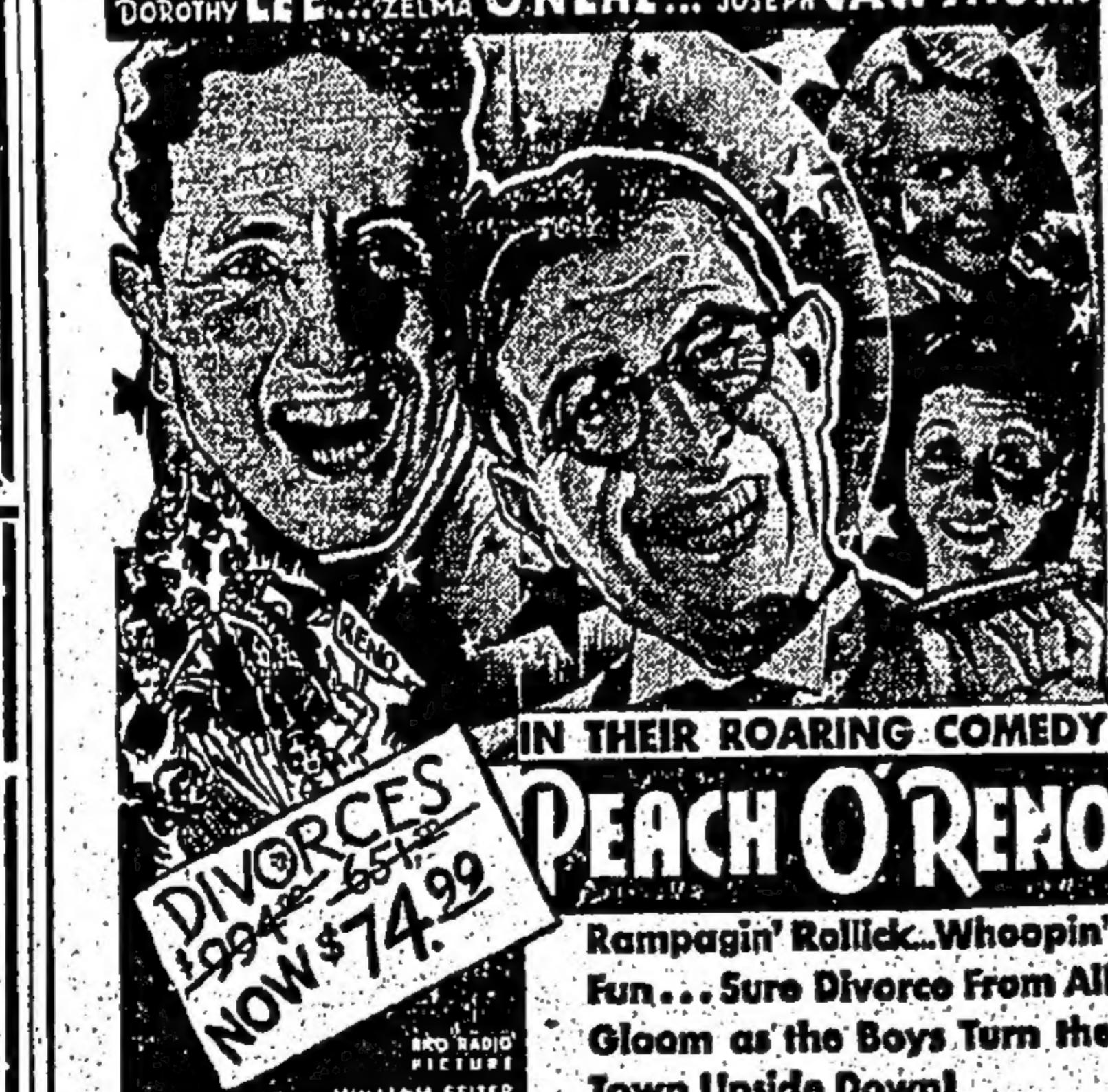
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